

MURDERS, &c. (COUNTY OF ARMAGH).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 7 June 1850—*per*,

A RETURN " of the NUMBER of MURDERS and WATLAYINGS in the Baronies of *Upper and Lower Fews*, in the County of *Armagh*, during the last Six Years; distinguishing by Name the Persons Killed and Wounded, and the Place where the Offence occurred; also, giving the Numbers Arrested for each Offence, and the Result of any Trial of the same."

" And, COPIES of the DEPOSITIONS taken by the CORONER of *Armagh County*, at the Inquest held on the Body of the late Mr. *Mandeville*."

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 26 July 1850.

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No.	Date.	Name of Offence.	Name of Person Killed and Wounded.	Place where the Offence occurred.	Number Arrested for each Offence.	Result of Trial, if any.
1	31 Dec. 1844	Waylaying - - -	Mullen, Daniel -	Ballynarry -	1	Acquitted.
2	24 Feb. 1845	Waylaying - - -	Roche, John -	Tullyvalia -	2	- - Imprisonment for four months each.
3	8 June "	Waylaying and assault -	Woods, Peter -	Rathfriland -	-	-
4	10 July "	Waylaying and assault -	Carragher, James -	Carron -	1	- - Acquitted at Quarter Sessions.
5	20 Nov. "	Homicide - - -	McElthera, Patrick -	Newtownhamilton -	1	Acquitted at Assizes.
6	27 Jan. 1846	Waylaying and assault -	Lamb, James -	Manag -	-	-
7	6 June "	Waylaying, assault and robbery -	McMahon, Peter -	Rathfriland -	2	Both acquitted at Assizes.
8	4 July "	Waylaying and assault -	Murphy, Edward -	Crossmaglen -	2	- - One month's imprisonment each.
9	4 Dec. "	Murder - - -	McClure, George -	Crossmaglen -	2	- - Discharged on their own recognizances at Assizes, to appear when called on.
10	25 Dec. "	Waylaying and robbery -	Coates, James -	Colville -	-	-
11	2 Apr. 1847	Waylaying, with intent to rob.	Mullen, Owen -	Crossmaglen -	-	-
12	10 May "	Waylaying and assault -	[Owen, Thomas -] [Mooney, Michael -] [Murphy, Owen -]	Colville -	-	-
13	20 Oct. "	Homicide - - -	Finn, William -	Tullyallen -	2	Acquitted at Assizes.
14	27 Nov. "	Waylaying and assault -	Camp, Denis -	Cullybane -	1	Bound to keep the peace.
15	8 Dec. "	Waylaying, firing at and wounding -	Camp, James -	Clunagh -	1	- - Not tried; bound to appear when called on.
16	24 Dec. "	Waylaying, assault and robbery -	McVeigh, James -	Crossmaglen -	-	- - Investigated at Petty Sessions.
17	27 Dec. "	Waylaying and robbery -	Duffy, Edward -	Gledrumsney -	-	-
18	7 Jan. 1848	Waylaying and robbery -	Durran, Peter -	Creehill -	-	-
19	8 Jan. "	Waylaying - - -	Harghey, Michael -	Creehill -	1	Acquitted at Assizes.
20	6 June "	Waylaying and assault -	Kelly, Bernard -	Carron -	-	- - Complaint declined prosecuting.
21	7 July "	Waylaying and assault -	Loughan, Patrick -	Rathfriland -	-	- - Complaint declined prosecuting.
22	20 July "	Homicide - - -	McGinn, Thomas -	Newtownhamilton -	-	Accused fled the country.
23	22 Dec. "	Waylaying, assault and robbery -	Daly, Catherine -	Crossmaglen -	-	-

DEPOSITIONS TAKEN BY THE CORONER OF ARMAGH AT THE

No.	Date.	Name of Offence.	Name of Person Killed and Wounded.	Place where the Offence occurred.	Number of Witnesses.	Result of Trial, if any.
24	4 Jan. 1848	Waylaying and robbery	(Ward, James) (Phelan, Lawrence)	Carnally.		
25	19 Jan. "	Waylaying and assault	O'Brien, Michael	Crossmaglen	-	- - Investigated at Petty Sessions.
26	22 Jan. "	Waylaying and assault	O'Brien, Michael	Cockberry.		
27	12 Mar. "	Waylaying and robbery	Brown, Mary	Coleferran.		
28	2 Apr. "	Waylaying, assault and robbery	(Kemp, Edward) (Clark, Owen)	Callville.		
29	10 Aug. "	Manslaughter	Ward, Patrick	Droghda	-	1 - - Twelve months' imprisonment.
30	17 Aug. "	Waylaying	(McCann, John) (McCann, James)	Glendrummond	-	1 - - Acquitted at Quarter Sessions.
31	5 Apr. 1850	Waylaying and assault	Darrin, Peter	Crossmaglen	-	2 - - To be tried at Quarter Sessions.
32	12 Apr. "	Waylaying	Jamphry, James	Macshirrin	-	2 - - To be tried at Quarter Sessions.
33	20 May "	Murder	Maheswary, B. L., Esq.	Coleferran	-	2 - - To be tried at the present Assizes.

Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle,
10 July 1850.

D. McGregor, I. G.

COPY INFORMATION taken at Crossmaglen, on the 24th May 1850, before *James Michael Major*, Coroner, touching the Death of *Robert Lindsay Maheswary*, and Verdict of Jury thereon.

County of Armagh. INFORMATION of Witnesses taken this 24th day of May 1850, in the town of Crossmaglen, in the county of Armagh, before *Joshua Michael Major*, one of Her Majesty's Coroners for said county, touching the death of *Robert Lindsay Maheswary*, then and there lying dead, as follows:—

Jeremiah M'Donnell, of Crossmaglen, in the county of Armagh, innkeeper, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists, deposeseth and saith,—That I keep an inn in the town of Crossmaglen; I know the deceased, he was agent for the Tipping property, situated in the neighbourhood of Crossmaglen, in the county Armagh. Deceased had been in the habit of coming to my house for a year and nine months past, for the purpose of receiving rents. He came last on the 17th instant, and he remained at my house from the 17th up to yesterday. During the week deceased had been engaged on the business of the estate, letting hogs, and receiving rents. There were two or three tenants of the Tipping estate detained for non-payment of rent lately, within the last month. The names of the tenants detained were, Mrs. Jackson, widow Hile, of Annagur, and a man named Maheswary, of Mohane. At half-past 12 o'clock on yesterday, the 23d instant, deceased left my house on a car, drawn by one horse, and driven by my servant man, named Patrick M'Nally, which deceased engaged to go to the railway station at Callville, to meet the down train to Castleblaney, at 10 minutes past one. The first time I heard of deceased's intention of leaving was about three-quarters of an hour before his departure. Deceased and the driver were the only persons who were on the car. The driver sat on the off side of the car, and the deceased sat on the near side. M'Nally had been previously engaged driving turf. About four minutes after deceased had expressed his intention of leaving, I told M'Nally to get the car ready. He did so, and brought the car to the front of the house, where the car remained waiting deceased for the space of twenty minutes. M'Nally drove the car in the direction of Callville, which is about a mile and a quarter distant from Crossmaglen. Within twenty-five minutes after the car left, M'Nally returned with the car, having the deceased's trunk upon it. I was in the shop when the car arrived; on seeing the car I ran out, and said, "What's the matter?" M'Nally replied, "Mr. Maheswary is murdered." I told M'Nally to bring on the car, and I ran to the house of Mr. Holmes, the police officer. M'Nally followed with the car. I told Mr. Holmes what M'Nally said. The trunk had been tied on the car when leaving; it was in the same state on the return of the car; we loosed the trunk off the car. Mr. Holmes got on the car, and I drove the horse in the direction of Callville; and at about a mile distant from Crossmaglen, we found the deceased lying on the side of the road, being the same side he sat on the car. He lay across the side of the road, his head towards the middle of the road, his feet towards the ditch; part of his body was on the grass on the side of the road. There was fresh blood on the ground where his head lay; he lay on his face; I did not remark his hat; he had wounds on the back of his head. Mr. Holmes and I lifted him up; he was then breathing; he was not able to speak. We placed him with his back to the ditch; the ditch was low; Mr. Holmes and I held him in a sitting position. I saw three marks upon the front or top of the head. The

brains protruded from the back part of the head. There was no person near deceased when we first arrived; a number of people, about twenty, came. Mr. Holmes called for water, which was brought by a boy whom I do not know. Mr. Holmes poured some water on deceased's head. The head was very much injured, and all the face and head covered with blood. We remained until the police came, about ten minutes. There was life in him when we left. Mr. Holmes and I drove into Crossmaglen; on our way into Crossmaglen we met Dr. McParlan going towards where deceased lay. The place where we found deceased is a retired place; there is a curve in the road, and there are rocks on the right-hand side of the road; and there was a heap of stones in the field on the left-hand side. The deceased usually carried a walking-stick. I remember having handed him his umbrella when leaving, but I do not recollect seeing the stick with him on the car. I have looked at a stick now produced, with blood and hair, apparently human hair, upon it; I believe that to be the deceased's stick. I had no conversation with McNally since upon the subject of the murder. McNally has been in custody since yesterday evening. I examined the cushions of the car about eight o'clock on yesterday evening; upon the cushion upon which the deceased sat there are a number of spots of blood. These marks were not upon it when deceased left. I knew the cushion he sat on; for I put the other, which has a stain upon it, under the driver. There are three spots of blood upon the driver's cushion. These I saw last evening; they are also recent, and occurred after the deceased left. The trunk was tied on the rail in front. There were a good many spots of blood in the well, and along the side of the well of the car. During the car was standing at the door, awaiting deceased's departure, I observed deceased's bailiff, William Huston; a man named O'Brien, the bog bailiff; a man named Thomas Hughes, a writing clerk; and a man named Michael Morgan, at and about the door. About five minutes before deceased left, Morgan came running to my house, and sat down on a chair in the hall. I had understood that Morgan had forgotten some papers, and that he was obliged to go for them, and return before the deceased's departure. After Morgan's return, deceased packed up. Morgan had been at my house before that, on yesterday. Deceased's hat-case was in the well of the car; there are marks of blood upon it. The place from which McNally drew the turf is situate in Crieskieran, close to the Colloville road, and about a quarter of a mile on the Crossmaglen side of where the murder took place. After the murder, McNally was engaged during the evening drawing turf from the same place. I called to McNally from the steps of the back door (he being at a distance down the yard) to draw the turf; that was the only conversation I had with McNally during the evening. A short time after the murder the deceased was removed to my house; McNally was then brought to the barrack, and afterwards discharged; and again he was taken during the evening, and has been since in custody. McNally said, that when he was driving on to Colloville, he, McNally, heard deceased cry "Murder," and that he then heard a "shot, same as a pistol, fired." That his horse ran away. That he had "to come off the car for the purpose of pulling him up; and that when he pulled the horse and turned the car, he saw the deceased on the ground. That he then drove home." That is all I remember McNally having said. I heard Mr. Holmes ask McNally if he had seen anybody; and he replied, "he did not."

Informant acknowledges himself bound to the Queen in the sum of £5*l.*, conditioned that he will attend and prosecute this information at next Armagh Assizes.

J. McDowell.

Taken and acknowledged the day and year and at the place aforesaid, before

John Michael Magee,
Clerk.

*Michael Morgan, of Coolderry, in the county of Armagh, bailiff, being sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposes and saith,—*I have known the deceased a year and a half past; deceased was agent for the Reverend Mr. Hamilton; during the time above mentioned deceased was Receiver under the Court of Chancery for Mr. Stannus Tipping's property; deceased was lately appointed Receiver for Mr. Jones; each of these gentlemen were getting an equal share of rent out of the same property, which is situate near Crossmaglen; three separate receipts were given for the rent. I hold land on this estate; I paid the rent in three parts, two to the deceased and one to Mr. Rowland; formerly we paid our rent together; latterly we paid our rent in separate parts. Proceedings were taken by each of these gentlemen to enforce their rents separately. Since the 1st of May I received from the deceased four distress warrants to distrain the goods of Sarah Hale, of Anneyard; David Jackson, of Urquar; Owen Lamb and Thomas Lamb, of Drumblilly. I executed two of these warrants upon the goods of Sarah Hale and David Jackson; I took a couple of heifers of Hale's and seven cows; four heifers and a bull of David Jackson's property. I distrained Hale on or about the 2d of May, and Jackson on the 10th of May; I impounded Hale's cattle in Crossmaglen; they allowed the cattle were not Mrs. Hale's, but belonged to Tom Gartlony and John Stephens. Deceased got bail for the rent, and the heifers were released, and we distrained Jackson's cattle; they were rescued by a number of people, who took them from us, and drove them to Urquar House. Six people, Francis Lennaghan, Patrick Keenan, John McCabe, William Marks, Catherine McCabe and Lawrence McCabe, were summoned by William Huston and I to the Magistrate's Bench, at Crossmaglen, for the last court day, on Saturday the 18th instant. It was the deceased who directed the summonses to be taken out. There was a trial before the magistrates. The parties summoned appeared there. The deceased appeared there. The notices were not correctly filled, and the case was dismissed. After the trial, deceased told me that Jackson should be distrained again, the first opportunity,

tenancy, when the cattle would be got on the lands, and if he got nothing on the property, he would mark an order of a writ against him. Since then I did not see any distress of David Jackson on the lands. There was a great many ejectments and notices to quit served by the deceased on the tenants of the lands over which the deceased was the agent. As near as I can compute, there were of ejectments and notices to quit, 200 in all. There were ejectments brought to evict the interests of a middle-man whose lease dropped; the notices were served by Mr. Rowland about a year ago. There were ejectments brought by deceased lately on these notices; the tenants served were those who were unable to pay a year's rent. If they had paid him a year's rent, I think he would not have disturbed them. Deceased had a great number of Civil Bill Decrees against the tenants; three of which he got executed since May commenced; they were all settled; none of the goods were sold. On Wednesday I saw deceased at the bog. I did not bear of his intention of leaving until three-quarters of an hour before he left. I was in Crossmaglen yesterday morning; about twelve o'clock I heard of his intention of going away; William Huston told me deceased wanted papers which were in my house; I then left Crossmaglen; went to my house and returned with the papers; I ran all the way; I did not tell anybody deceased was about to leave; I live at Cossiderry, two miles from Crossmaglen; I saw deceased leave Crossmaglen; after he left, Huston O'Brien, Bernard Callaghan and I, sat down in Mr. McDonnell's, and remained there until the news of the murder came. After I heard of the murder, I met McNally in the street of Crossmaglen; he was coming from Mr. Holme's, and going in the direction of Mr. McDonnell's; he had a hat-case in his hand. I asked while I was running, was it true what we heard from the girl? McNally said, "Mr. Malverer was murdered." I went to where the deceased lay; his body was drawn into Crossmaglen in a cart; I returned after the corpse; in McDonnell's yard, after the return of the corpse, McNally said, "he heard the deceased about 'Murder,' that a shot was then fired; the horse ran away about thirty paces; that he had to come off the car before he could stop the horse, and that he saw deceased on the ground, and that he saw no person in view." I never heard any one threaten deceased. Deceased used a walking-stick; I saw the stick in his hand leaving Crossmaglen, and I saw the same stick at the place he was murdered; I look at the stick now produced; I have no doubt that is the deceased's stick. I saw deceased's watch, his pistols and his purse, after he was carried to Crossmaglen.

Informant acknowledges himself bound to the Queen in the sum of 100*l*., conditioned that he will attend and prosecute this information at next Armagh Assizes.

Michael Morgan.

Taken and acknowledged the day and year and at the place aforesaid, before

Joshua Michael Magee,
Coroner.

John McParlan, of Crossmaglen, in the county aforesaid, surgeon, being sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposeseth and saith,—About the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of yesterday, I saw the deceased; he then lay on side of the road in the townland of Crieskieran, between Crossmaglen and Colloville, near the house of a man named Terence Donnelly; deceased lay with his back against the ditch; he was then dead; the head was covered with blood; there was blood on his breast and clothes; there was fresh blood coming out of the head on the right side, posterior to the ear and above it; I removed the clot, and found the skull fractured; I did not then examine the head particularly. I have this day made an examination of deceased in conjunction with Dr. Donakison; I find on the right and posterior side of the head, and above the ear, a wound of the scalp, about five inches in length; it is continuous, commencing from the occipital bone, and running across the parietal bone. The edges of the wound are not lacerated; I call it an insid wound. On raising the scalp, I found the skull a mass of fractures. About half an inch above the wound I have described, I find a wound of three inches in length; the edges of this wound are a good deal lacerated. On removing the scalp, I find the skull under that wound dinged in. Immediately behind and above the right ear, I found a punctured wound half an inch in length; the edges were close; this wound penetrated to the skull; there was a slight a wound in the ear. Corresponding on the occiput there was a wound two inches in length; the skull was fractured beneath this wound. There was another wound immediately beneath that last described, of a punctured appearance; it penetrated to the skull. On the left side and back part of the head there was a wound three inches in length; it was a contused wound; the skull was fractured under that wound. There was another wound immediately below and adjoining the wound last described, two and a half inches in length; that was a contused wound. There was another wound on the back and left side of the head, two and a half inches in length; it was a lacerated wound; the skull was broken under that also. On the top of the head in front and left side there is a contused wound two and a half inches in length; there was no fracture of the skull there. There were in all nine external wounds on the head and ear. On the scalp being removed, the skull was a mass of fractures, so much so, that the whole of the back part of the skull was so fractured, the bones were easily removed. Those wounds, with the two exceptions, were made by a blunt instrument. I searched the brain; I did not discover any bullet. There was one circular wound above and behind the right ear; that was the only wound likely to be caused by a gun-shot. I searched, and could not find any corresponding wound on the opposite side of the head. I have looked at a stone now produced; the point of that stone, which had blood upon it, would occasion the circular wound above mentioned. There was a slight abrasion of the skin, about half an inch on

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the left arm, and a slight blackness on the left knee. The wounds on his head were the cause of his death. A portion of the brain was on the road, near a quantity of blood, when I first saw him.

Informant acknowledges himself indebted to the Queen in the sum of 50 *l.*, conditioned that he will attend and prosecute this information at next Armagh Assizes.

John M'Parlan.

Taken and acknowledged the day and year and at the place aforesaid, before

Joshua Michael Magee,
Coroner.

Richard Donaldson, of Sytrim, in said county, surgeon, being sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposeseth and saith,—I have made a post mortem examination of the body of deceased with Dr. M'Parlan; we found nine wounds on the head, as described in the deposition of Dr. M'Parlan, which I have heard read. I concur with Dr. M'Parlan as to the cause of his death. I searched for a gun-shot wound in the head, but found none.

Informant acknowledges himself bound to the Queen in the sum of 50 *l.*, conditioned that he will attend and prosecute this information at next Armagh assizes.

Richard Donaldson.

Taken and acknowledged the day and year and at the place aforesaid before

Joshua Michael Magee,
Coroner.

(A copy.)

Leonard Dobbie, Clerk Crown,
Armagh County.

County of Armagh, } An Inquisition taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen, in the
to wit. } town of Crossmaglen, at the parish of Creggan, in the county of
Armagh, the 24th day of May, in the 13th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady
Queen VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, before Joshua Michael Magee, one of
the Coroners of our said Lady the Queen for the said county, on view of the body of
Robert Lindsey Mauleverer, then and there lying dead, upon the oath of—

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| 1. Samuel Gilmore, | 9. Patrick Burns, | 17. Oswald Donaldson, |
| 2. James M'Conville, | 10. James Sinclair, | 18. John Rock, |
| 3. Thomas M'Iver, | 11. Robert Bradley, | 19. James Willoughby, |
| 4. Philip M'Ardle, | 12. Thomas Campbell, | 20. Patrick M'Elroy, |
| 5. Alexand. Still, | 13. John Stephens, | 21. Michael Lennon, jun., |
| 6. Thomas Morris, | 14. John Smith, | 22. William Huston, |
| 7. Patrick Conlon, | 15. Daniel Hughes, | 23. Christopher Gregory, |
| 8. Richard Hale, jun., | 16. James Hale, | |

good and lawful men of the said county, duly chosen, and who being then and there duly sworn, and charged to inquire for our said Lady the Queen, when, how, and by what means the said Robert Lindsey Mauleverer came to his death, do upon their oath say, that on the 23d day of May, in the year aforesaid, at Crickmaglen, in the parish of Creggan, in the county aforesaid, some evil-disposed person or persons, at present unknown to the jurors, in and upon the said Robert Lindsey Mauleverer, unlawfully, maliciously, and of malice forethought, did make an assault, and in and upon the head of him the said Robert Lindsey Mauleverer, did inflict with stones a mortal wound, of which the said Robert Lindsey Mauleverer then and there instantly died. And so the jurors aforesaid say, the said person or persons unknown him, the said Robert Lindsey Mauleverer, did kill and murder, against the peace of our said Lady the Queen, her Crown and dignity. In witness whereof, as well the said Coroner as the said jurors have to this inquisition set their hands and seals, the day and year and at the place first above mentioned.

Samuel Gilmore. (SEAL.)	Patrick Conlon. (SEAL.)
James M'Conville. (SEAL.)	Richard Hale, junior. (SEAL.)
Thomas M'Iver. (SEAL.)	Patt Byrne. (SEAL.)
Philip M'Ardle. (SEAL.)	James Sinclair. (SEAL.)
Alexander Still. (SEAL.)	Thomas Campbell. (SEAL.)
Tho' Morris. (SEAL.)	James Willoughby. (SEAL.)

Joshua Michael Magee, (SEAL.)
Coroner.

(A true copy.)

Leonard Dobbie, Clerk Crown,
County Armagh.